

On Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 8:18 PM David Benedict <dsbenedict3@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the FOIA Council,

I am a resident of Virginia and am writing to express my support for HB2196 as approved by the Records Issues subcommittee, to allow disclosure of sustained and unsustained internal police investigation records under FOIA. This is most important to support because:

- Public access to police disciplinary records is critical to police accountability and building public trust.
- Having access to law enforcement disciplinary records helps ensure that the police are doing the job our tax dollars are paying them to do and doing it effectively.
- It is also critical that the public has access to records of both substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations.
- We need transparency in our government and accountability from those with the power to take life and liberty.

As a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, VA, we are very concerned that we are doing the very best in making police work fair and equitable for all citizens. Please support this legislation. Thank you.

Most sincerely,

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